



### DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Old Home Week, the great big racing week we have all been looking forward to, will soon be here. Next Monday night at 7.15 it will be officially declared open by Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland, and three-quarters of an hour later the trotters and pacers will be on their way to the Starting Gate. That night's program will be followed by four afternoons and two evenings of three nights' racing. It will without doubt be one of the greatest if not the greatest, racing weeks in Maritime history, certainly the largest that has ever been given to a Canadian harness race track secretary. Naturally quite a number after viewing the opposition they will be up against will decide that discretion is the better part of valor, but there will be at least 125 to 150 horses stabled within the grounds of the Exhibition.

For racing fans throughout the Maritimes we will say in all sincerity—don't miss a single bit of it.

An important sale was made yesterday when the six-year-old pacer Carl Aubrey was sold by owner-breeder George Soboy of Summerside to Samuel Kennedy of this city. Carl Aubrey won his first two starts, one last Saturday night at Charlottetown and the other at Parkview on Wednesday, taking a record of 2:15.1 in one of his winning heats here he paced the last half in 1:06.2-5. He is sound, has perfect manners—perfectly trained by Mr. Soboy. Carl Aubrey's sire is Colonel Aubrey 2:10.4 by Nervo, granddam by Brazilian 2:19.4. Colonel Aubrey was sired by Captain Aubrey 2:07.1. He met with an injury to his foot in his five-year-old form and in his six-year-old form was turned over to the writer for racing purposes.

4-4. Time 2:10.4, 2:08, 2:08.4. The heat in 2:08 was new track record, displacing the 2:08.4 made by John R. Braden in 1921.

Among the senior reinsmen that have arrived for Old Home Week is Johnny Campbell, whom the writer remembers driving races at Dufferin Park track back in the winter of 1914-15. Johnny was back there again last winter and faced very well with the trotter Marjorie Hancock 2:11. He was for several years with Walter R. Cox getting horses ready for the Grand Circuit and assisting Mr. Cox during the racing season. Johnny Campbell will be remembered as the driver of Chuck Worthy 2:02.4 at Covehead, September 19th, 1946, when he set up a new track record there of 2:02.4.

Then there is another trainer that takes us back to our initial venture in horse racing, which was in 1912. We started out with a mare called Iona Girl. The first race was at New Glasgow, half mile heats and I think fourth or fifth was the best I got. In the summer of 1912 I was persuaded that the starter had not given me a fair deal and reluctantly, after much urging, went up to speak to him. He was James A. Fraser, a most formidable man in his capacity. He said, "Young man, how many races have you driven?" I said, "This is the first one, wonder if you can't let me go home and read your rule book. I could set you down for a year." Only once in a long career afterwards did I go to the stand.

My next start was at Summerside. I had all the spokes torn out of my wheel, was thrown on the track and Iona Girl ran away the first heat. Many will remember the tremendous sprint Colonel Parker Hooper took as she rounded the back stretch. He grabbed the reins and brought her to a stop. Parker was at that time one of the fastest quarter-mile runners in the Maritime Provinces. The fact he held the Maritime quarter-mile record of 50.2-5 seconds. After that race Johnny Conroy and I teamed up. He was a boy in short pants but, was a larger scale and Ernie McTague went to Halifax and started in the 2:19 pace (we were eligible to the 3:00 class). There were six fast pacers in the event, a crash occurred and one of them went down. I skidded around the field with Iona Girl and won the heat in 2:20.4, then went on to win the race. The next year we went into racing on a larger scale and Ernie McTague came with us. I went overseas and Johnny also went, so our partnership was broken up.

As a trainer and conditioner Johnny is in the top class, in fact I have often thought it would pay one of the great stables to give him a very large salary to superintend the training and feeding of the horses. Everything is done properly around Johnny's stable. Ernie was a grand horseman, too, and he had a fine eye for his credit the driving of the Yank at Mount Clements, Michigan, to a world's record on ice. In our long career we had some turned horses and went of were gotten ready by my friend Ernie.

Henderson & Cudmore's haberdashery window is attracting a lot of attention. There is a replica of a race track perfectly laid out and lined up are several of the trotters and pacers that will be performing over the Charlottetown oval next week. They are hooked to sulky and the drivers are being lined up like the sulky. There is a large lithograph in the background showing a driver highlighting a pacer on the home stretch. The photograph of the horses was taken at the track to Photographer Garnham, and attached to wooden cutouts that make them appear very lifelike. In the background there is a number of beautiful suits and haberdashery for which Henderson & Cudmore's are so famous.

Our Montreal correspondent is always faithful in sending us highlights of racing at Richelieu Park. Last Sunday the battling was so tough there that in eleven races constituting 22 heats only two winners were returned in straight heats. One such winner was Captain Cash, who won the Derby Pace. The full mile was not paced in either heat but Captain Cash went the three-quarters in 1:11, which you will agree was mighty fast. Archie Frisco was the other straight heat winner. He took the Richelieu Classified with two miles each in 2:13. The fastest miles of the week-end were turned in by Peter Kyler and Bonnie G. Can. The latter toured the course in 2:08 to win the first heat of the Free For All Pace Jr.

Peter Kyler served notice Saturday night that he will be a factor in races there. He won the first heat in 2:06, equalling the time of Bonnie G. Can, which took a record last season of 2:10 and is by the Canadian sire Corporal Lee 2:04. He looks to be a mighty slick pacer.

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## HUNTERS CORNER

Serried rows of stooked grain have begun to dot fields throughout the countryside. To many it brings a pang of sadness. The whirr of the binder is a harbinger that the blissful days spent lolling on sun-kissed beaches, the sun-dimpled waves breaking at the foot of the dunes and the white gulls wheeling and crying will soon be nothing but a pleasant memory.

To the hunter golden stubble reflecting the mood of Autumn is the beginning of an interlude of days spent tramping the fields and marshes with the trusty shotgun and faithful hunting dog as companions. It means covets of brown birds whirling from sedgy swales and long skeins of black ducks cautiously winging their way up our rivers or skirting the edges of seaweed marshes.

To the died-in-the-wool trout fisherman it means that the 9th inning is coming up. Some resort to the shotgun when the time comes to case the fishing rod and set it on a shelf in the den or closet. The 9th inning coming up may mean the trout game a bit and it could stand some pepping up. There have been some good catches of trout taken this season considering the heavy schools of trout on the move this summer the take has been small in the aggregate.

Some contend that an exceptionally heavy run of shrimp and silver sides has had a tendency to hold the main run of sea trout in the salt water, heard and heard a few days ago that sea trout are changing their habits and have become cagey and the immense schools of one, two and three pounders no longer surge up our fresh water streams regardless of the consequences.

Nature has a tendency to assert herself once her children become endangered. Take the skunk for instance: There was a time when they'd walk in single file from under open barn in broad daylight as just something or other, like a cow or a horse, and not considered dangerous. Once the price was put on his head and the family came under intense persecution the attitude of "Jimmy" Skunk changed. Today he no longer walks blindly into a trap like he did in the old days, at least this applies to the majority of them, and only a minority venture forth during the daylight hours.

Maybe trout are learning the hard way too... who knows? Methinks, however, regardless of the punishment they undergo, you can't get them out of the headwaters of our streams and rivers.

Even in salt water big trout are not immune from unlawful methods in places where netting is not feasible. I got an insight on one method used this past week. Approximately a quarter mile low head of town on a good trout river in the eastern section of the Province is a wharf that is now seldom used. A young country lad was explaining how they get the big trout that hang around this wharf.

At low tide, at a time when the light was good, he'd go to the wharf armed with an ordinary pitch fork. After one's eyes got accustomed to peering into the water it was a simple matter to spot the big trout in their hide-out. To quote his own words: "When you saw a big broad tail waving beneath a stringer you make a drive under it with the pitch fork, but," he added, "you have to follow your swing through or else the trout will slip off the tines." He went on to explain that he has taken several three pound trout in this manner on one trip.

## Island Baseball League Semi-Finals Open Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon the second and third place teams in the Island Baseball League will play the first game in the League semi-finals at the Memorial Field diamond with game time set at 2.30. The local Abbies will play hosts to the R. C. A. F. team from the Summerside airport in the initial game of the semi-finals. The winner of the best two-games-out-of-three series will advance into the finals against the Curran & Briggs crew, also from the western capital.

In the last game between these two teams the Abbies won rather handsily against a make-shift Airforce team, but tomorrow should prove to be another story. The locals will be expected to send Pete Mickus their ace right hander to the mound in an effort to win this all-important game. The locals will be depending on the intimidating slants of their stylish right hander Cyril Smith.

A large weekend crowd is expected to witness the contest.

The early Egyptians lived mostly out of doors and their dwellings were of wood or crude brick.

## Ladies Finals In Local Tennis Tourny Today

Miss Audrey DeBlais advanced into the finals of the ladies' singles of the Charlottetown Tennis Club annual tournament last evening by defeating Mrs. Charles Willett in a well played long drawn out contest that went three sets before the final outcome was reached. Mrs. Willett opened up strong to capture the first set 6-4, but countered effectively in the second. Miss DeBlais forced the issue to a third set when she took the set 8-6 to continue on to the third with a 6-3 victory. She will meet Miss Helen Larter, last year's runner-up for the ladies' singles title, in the finals this afternoon at 2.30.

In the men's singles Jim Crewe scored an unexpected upset victory over Walter Cullen when he came through handsily to down the highly favored Cullen in straight sets 6-0, 6-2, to advance into the semi-final round.

Play will be resumed over the week-end, which will see the finals in the ladies' singles this afternoon and semi-final play in the men's singles, while the semi-finals and finals in the doubles events are expected to be reached by Sunday.

The following are yesterday's results: Men's Singles, quarter finals: J. Crewe defeated W. Cullen 6-0, 6-2. Ladies' Singles, semi-finals: A. DeBlais defeated E. Willett 4-6, 8-4, 6-3. Doubles, first round: Dr. M. Shapiro and J. Kenny defeated G. Burnett and T. Fitzgerald 8-10, 6-4, 6-4. Quarter finals: E. Smith and W. Cullen defeated J. MacLeod and J. Brown 6-1, 6-1. The following is the week-end schedule: Ladies' Singles, finals, Sat. 2.30 p.m.: A. DeBlais vs. H. Larter. Men's Singles, quarter finals, Saturday, 10.30 a.m.: F. Troop vs. J. Kenny. Ladies' Doubles, Sat. 4.30 p.m.: W. MacMillan and H. Larter vs. K. Douglas and E. Willett vs. M. Xiddes and S. Miller vs. W. Cullen and W. MacMillan. Men's Singles, semi-finals, Sun. 10.30 p.m.: J. Crewe vs. P. Jardine; J. Crewe vs. P. Jardine; J. Kenny vs. F. Kays and C. Vessey.

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## Win Bantam Series

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The West-enders outthrew the Yankees by an 8-5 count but couldn't bunch them for the runs they needed. Joe Somers and Merrill Fineau were the pitchers with both going the route for the teams. Somers for the Yankees and Fineau for the West-end team.

Dunn and Burke were the umpires. The game was called at the end of five innings of play on account of darkness.

## At D.C.R.A. Meeting

CONNAUGHT RIFLE RANGES, South March, Ont., Aug. 12 (OP) — Sgt. S.B. Kay of Hamilton received from Lt.-Col. W. J. MacDonald, secretary of the P.E.I. Rifle Association: Major Gormley placed 14th in grand aggregate with 590 points; Capt. A. J. McCabe 37th with 583; G. G. MacLennan 40th with 583; G. A. MacDonald 57th with 581; J. S. Moore 85th with 578; W. M. Beatty 117th with 575; G. A. Coles 118th with 574; P. J. Landrigan 133rd with 578; R. A. McCabe 135th with 572.

## Baseball Results

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## Track Presents Busy Scene With Horses Arriving For Big Meet

### Second Round In Golf Tourny This Afternoon

The final 18 holes of play in the P.E.I. Amateur Golf Championships will get underway at the Belvedere course of the Charlottetown Golf Club this afternoon at 2 p.m.

The opening rounds of play were held over the Summeride Golf Club course on Wednesday afternoon, with Maurice Dowling, the defending champion, leading a field of 88 golfers, the largest ever to compete in the Provincial tourney. Dowling came through with a smart gross 74, making the outgoing round in 39 and coming home with a one-under-par 85.

With the same large field teeing off this afternoon in quest of Provincial titles, some outstanding golf is expected to be witnessed in a large gallery is expected to be on hand for the final rounds of play.

The following is the draw for today's matches: No. 1 Tee—First match starting at 2 p.m. and others following at 4 minute intervals. M. J. Dowling, W. A. Beer, N. MacLeod. Art MacKenzie, Roy Adams, H.L. Bear. E. Bayne, F. McInnis, A. G. MacMillan. R. T. Holman, B. Johnston, D. H. Saunders. Don MacDonald, Doug Pierce, N. Pritchard. W. E. Cotton, J. MacDonald. D. Lidstone, Dr. C. Gallant, W. R. MacNeil. K. Dobbie, J. Squarebriggs, K. Orchard. G. Englis, E. N. MacQuarrie, W. A. Gaudet. M. Brodie, L. MacAuslan, G. Hulcheson. J. Logan, J. Coles, C. Simpson. J. Kilgour, R. Simpson, R. Green. No. 2 Tee—First match starting at 2 p.m. and following at 4 minute intervals. J. F. McIsaac, M. Thorpe, J. I. Trainor. Dr. W. P. Noonan, D. Huestis, T. Strain. C. Lecky, Joe Dechant, Don MacMillan. G. Haddon, E. H. Saunders, G. Staratic. Reg MacKinnon, J. Thurner, E. P. Foley. Dr. W. L. MacDonald, H. Roid, S. MacDonald, W. C. Campbell. F. W. Boyles, L. Heite, D. Henthorne.

### Charlotteville race track will be the scene of great activity yesterday with horses arriving from the various parts of the Maritime Provinces.

This afternoon and tonight an other large number will be in from Woodstock, Moncton and other Nova Scotia. Every available stall will be taken up and accommodation has been secured for quite a number of horses in Charlottetown. Horses from Montague and some outside points will probably come in for race day only. It is conservatively estimated that the horses starting the four afternoon and three nights will total close to 150.

The Exhibition management, in giving the same purse when a split class is raced, is as advertised for the class is raced. This will probably bring the total amount to be paid out in purses to a new record of \$20,000, the largest sum ever raced for at a Maritime Harness racing meet.

In tonight's racing two of the recent arrivals, Joedale, Clippy owned by Dr. F. C. Dougan and Single Sireak, owned by Lehey & McNeill will start in the fourth and fifth dashes respectively. They are both in the stable of the well-known driver, Johnny Conroy, who also has Quaker's Boy, Sandy D., and the famous Anti-Aircraft, 2:08. He will be measuring strides with the unbeaten free-for-aller, Scott Spencer, 2:06.34, on Thursday of next week.

Race-goers of course will miss some of the entries from the score cards but that is to be expected as only the cream of the trotters and pacers will make the trek here.

There were a large number of visitors at the track last evening, most of them sending their way to Johnny Conroy's stall, but the afternoon will really be "Visor's Day," or at least it has always been so in the past.

P. D. Crosby, L. Chambers, Dr. W. Morehead. M. J. Smith, Bob Palmer, Tom Rogers. Art Palmer, E. Hennessey, R. McCall. B. Arnett, H. Henn.

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## NIGHT RACING TONIGHT

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First Dash 8.30  
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## SPEED FOR SALE

MARGARET JEAN 2:10.4, and her two colts sired by Calumet Buding. These horses are all Standard Bred and Registered, and will be shown at the Exhibition Grounds Tuesday morning. Also a cart, bike, hoppers and boots, and a new set of harness. A. B. CUTCLIFFE, Charlottetown.

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